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Dear Commissioner Henney:

There comes a time in a decision-making process when the consequences of that decision should be carefully considered. Once a decision is made, it becomes too late for change.

The decision that your agency must make on April 20 will have great meaning, and the eyes of the world are firmly focused upon you.

Monsanto clearly deceived the Food & Drug Administration during the approval process for their genetically engineered bovine growth hormone (rbGH). Monsanto:

- ☐ Created five "freak" amino acids
- ☐ Did not inform the FDA of their errors
- ☐ Fixed the problem by changing the formula
- ☐ Created a 750 kg. phage contamination of rbGH in September of 1993
- ☐ Waited until after approval to publish evidence of their deception

It is well accepted that a breast cancer can take up to ten years to grow from one cell into a one million-cell tumor, representing the tiniest lump a woman can feel in her breast. Recently, the *New York Times* revealed that there is a 50% increase ("explosion") in breast cancers in the African-American community.

When cows are injected with rbGH:

- ☐ Levels of IGF-I in milk increase
- ☐ IGF-I has been called a key factor in the growth of every breast cancer
- ☐ IGF-I is identical in humans and cows

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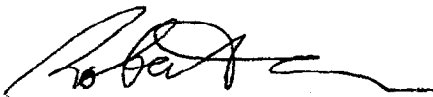
- ❑ Nations with the highest rates of breast cancer are also nations with the highest rates of milk consumption
- ❑ Milk drinkers experience a 10% increase in blood serum levels of IGF-I

Your choices are clear, and the consequences of your actions will be unmistakable. Should you dismiss Monsanto's deception then FDA clearly erases the fine line that many still believe separates FDA and Monsanto. Such a decision will not be tolerated by the American people, and will serve to act as a symbol of Monsanto's power and FDA's ability to act as America's fiduciary.

Should FDA act to impose sanctions upon Monsanto and immediately revoke rbGH from America's marketplace, FDA will also immediately become a hero to those Americans who have criticized conflicts of interest, but who wish to confirm and celebrate America's greatness.

The choice is yours to make, but let me respectfully alert you that the consequences of your actions will be enormous.

Very truly yours,



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